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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT

REF: MOSCOW 8375

1. TRANSCRIPT OF DISCUSSION OF TOTH CASE AT JUNE 13 PRESS

BRIEFING FOLLOWS:

2. "Q. HODDING, HAVE YOU PROTESTED OVER THE ARREST OF MR.
TOTH OVER THE WEEKEND IN MOSCOW?

A. WELL, LET ME GET THIS EXACT. WE ARE PROTESTING THE
DETENTION TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. INSOFAR AS THE DETAILS
AS TO WHEN AND HOW, I WILL POST THEM, MAKE THEM AVAILABLE,
AS SOON AS I HAVE THEM. I DON'T HAVE THEM YET. I CAN SAY
BEYOND THE QUESTION OF SAYING WE ARE GOING TO PROTEST THAT
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WE DO DEPLORE THIS ACTION BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. IN
RECENT MONTHS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY MADE
FALSE CHARGES IN THE SOVIET PRESS THAT VARIOUS AMERICAN
CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.
WE SEE THE DETENTION OF TOTH ON SATURDAY AS A CONTINUATION
OF THIS CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT AND HARASS AMERICAN CORRESPON-
DENTS AND INHIBIT THEIR CONTACTS WITH SOVIET CITIZENS.

THAT IS IT.

Q. YOU SEE THIS AS A VIOLATION OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT?

A. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT THINK IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS OR THEIR BROADER DESIRE OF PROMOTING A FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION.

Q. OF WHAT?

A. OF PROMOTING A FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THEY PLAN TO BRING CHARGES?

A. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT. WE TRUST THAT IT WON'T BE THE CASE.

Q. WHY IS IT, HODDING, THAT YOU ARE GOING TO PROTEST? YOU DON'T KNOW THAT IT IS TAKING PLACE ALREADY?

A. WELL, THE GOING TO PROTEST AND THE TIME IS SIMPLY A FUNCTION OF REPORTING BACK AS TO HOW AND WHEN IT TOOK PLACE. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THE PROTEST BEING LODGED.

Q. THERE OR HERE OR BOTH PLACES?

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A. THERE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT.

Q. I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU. HAS IT YET BEEN DONE?

A. THE REASON I HESITATE TO SAY YES OR NO IS THAT I DON'T HAVE A WORD BACK AS TO HOW AND WHEN. IF YOU WANT TO CHECK BACK WITH US, WE WILL KEEP CHECKING AND WILL BE GLAD TO LET YOU KNOW.

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